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My dear wife: Mr. Schenck had a conversation with Mr. Lincoln, and I think from what he tells me that our chance is very good. Mr. S. has gone to Columbus to try to get himself elected Senator & I hope he may succeed. But there is no telling how it will end.

I am getting very tired of this town and would like to leave it, but I don't think I shall be able to leave until some time next week. In any event, I shall come home by the way of Philadelphia, probably, or by the way of Harrisburg. The Baltimore and Ohio R.R. in my opinion is not a very safe one; at any rate, it is not very pleasant to travel on and I shall not go over it again unless compelled to do so.

Mr. Lane has no idea how windy and dusty it is here. The streets are full of dust all the time and so that you can not go out without being covered with dust. It penetrates the houses and in the windows

of the stores until everything looks brown. There is a very tempting array of beautiful things in their windows, which makes me frequently wish I had the means of buying.

I went thro' the Capitol to-day. There has been at least a hundred expenditure of ~~tax~~ money whether it has been accompanied with an equal amount of ~~tax~~ is a question about which there is a great diversity of opinion.

It would give me great pleasure to spend this evening at home instead of the theatre or running from one hotel to another to see people.

Give my love to Sarah, Frank & Robby and kiss them as often as you please on my account. You keep all you think ~~they~~ they don't need for yourself. Goodbye good wife.
Luther